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12 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

### **Environmental Information Regulation 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 15 May 2026 as detailed below.

In light of the matters set out above, I would be grateful if NIEA could clarify the following:

- (a) Whether NIEA has, at any point during the period 01/03/2023 to 01/03/2026, independently verified or reconciled the leachate / wastewater figures reported in the operator's quarterly returns against any primary documentation (waste transfer notes, duty-of-care records, weighbridge tickets, haulier records, or receiving-site acceptance records);
- (b) If such verification has been undertaken, what records of that verification NIEA holds, and on what frequency the verification has been carried out for each of the two authorisations;
- (c) If no such verification has been undertaken, that NIEA's position is that the disclosed figures are accepted by the regulator solely on the basis of operator self-reporting, without independent corroboration;
- (d) Whether NIEA considers the reported leachate / wastewater removal volumes — in the order of one tanker per week across two authorisations handling

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approximately 255,000 tonnes per annum of organic and putrescible material, with the IVC operating at more than double its original design throughput — to be credible on their face when measured against the published regulatory expectations referenced in Section 1 above, and the basis for that view;

(e) Whether NIEA has assessed the implications, including in respect of leachate generation and management, of the WPPC 19/12 P0341/10A IVC operating at a throughput substantially in excess of the “up to 80,000 tonnes per annum to produce a product” design capacity represented by the applicant in planning application S/2005/0834/F, and what records of that assessment NIEA holds;

(f) Whether NIEA holds any inspection records, site audit notes, unannounced visit records, or duty-of-care checks for the period 01/03/2023 to 01/03/2026 that examined or sampled the actual volume or frequency of tanker movements at either site (as distinct from accepting the operator’s reported figures);

(g) Whether NIEA holds any records of the operator’s leachate / contaminated water storage capacity at either site (tank or lagoon volumes, bunding capacity), and any records of the frequency at which such storage is emptied; and

(h) Whether NIEA, as the competent regulator for both the PPC permit and the waste management licence, is satisfied that it would in fact be aware if material volumes of EWC 16 10 02, 19 07 03 or 19 09 02 wastes were leaving either site otherwise than as recorded in the operator’s quarterly returns.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department’s decision.

Yours sincerely,

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